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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 26, 2009, for which a response is due August 26, 2009. A three-month extension of time is hereby requested for this filing, extending the due date to and including November 26, 2009.

Claim Amendments are shown in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 5.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.